

HALSALL NEWS



**December 2014
January 2015**



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FEBRUARY 2015 MAGAZINE

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The Rectory

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The Dying: Paul can be contacted at any time of the day or night in order to minister to the dying.

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Sunday Services in the United Benefice for December/January

Sunday 7th December – Advent 2

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Communion & Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 14th December – Advent 3

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 21st December – Advent 4

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist & Nativity	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Eucharist & Nativity	St Thomas'
4.00pm	Carol Service	
	With Marshside Brass Band	St Cuthbert's
6.00pm	Carol Service	St Thomas'

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE ADVERT FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 28th December – Christmas 1/Holy Innocents

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
10.30am	United Benefice Eucharist	St Cuthbert's

Sunday 4th January – The Epiphany

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Communion & Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 11th January – The Baptism of Christ

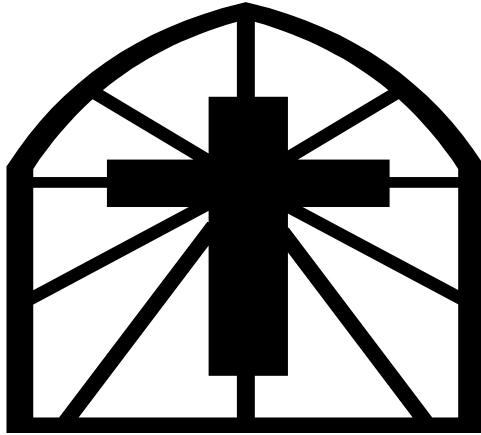
8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 18th January – Epiphany 2

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Communion & Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 25th January – The Conversion of Paul

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'



Mid-Week Services in the United Benefice – Dec/Jan

Wednesday 3rd December 10.00am St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 10th December	9.00am	St Thomas' School
Wednesday 10th December	11.00am	Haskayne School
Thursday 11th December	9.15am	St Cuthbert's School

Wednesday 17th December 10.00am St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 24th December 8.30am St Thomas' Church –
Morning Prayer

Wednesday 31st December NO SERVICE

Wednesday 7th January 10.00am St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 14th January 10.00am St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 21st January 10.00am St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 28th January 10.00am St Cuthbert's Church

Christmas Services

**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME FOR THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

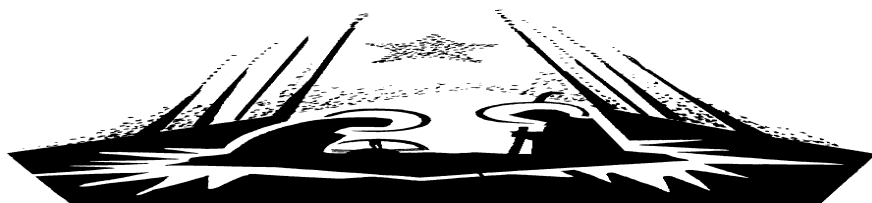
8.30am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
4.00pm	Christingle Service	St Cuthbert's
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Cuthbert's

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion + Carols	St Thomas'
9.30am	Eucharist and Carols	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Eucharist and Carols (Children bring a toy to show the Rector)	St Thomas'

Sunday 28th December

8.00am	BCP Communion	St Thomas'
10.30am	United Benefice Eucharist and Carols	St Cuthbert's



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October 2014

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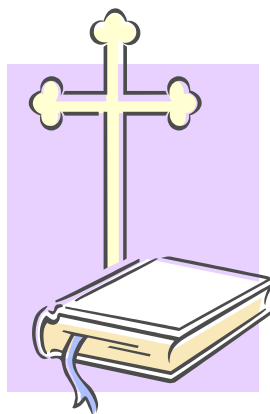
FUNERALS

2nd October 2014

George Becksmith

9th October 2014

Gladys Doherty



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2014 / JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015

14th Dec	E Banks L Wilkinson	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster D Backhouse	C Parry
28th Dec	A Critchley K Orrit	P Waterworth S Waterworth	K Twist	
10th Jan	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd	
24th Jan	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn	
7th Feb	E Banks L Wilkinson	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster D Backhouse	C Parry
21st Feb	A Critchley K Orrit	P Waterworth S Waterworth	K Twist	

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS DECEMBER 2014 JANUARY 2015



DATE WARDEN

SIDESPERSIONS

DECEMBER

7th Brian Heaton
14th Marilyn Westley
21st Lynda Bramwell
28th Malcolm Serjeant

Jim Critchley
Peter Aynsley
Elaine Ayre
Christine Jones

Len Davidson
Anne Cushion
Philip Banks
Paul Goldstraw

JANUARY

4th Brian Heaton
11th Marilyn Westley
18th Lynda Bramwell
25th Malcolm Serjeant

Bill Banks
Beryl Sephton
Eileen Houlgrave
Eleanor Wroe

John Wroe
Bill White
Ann Critchley
Stephanie Hilton

**TWO GREAT SERVICES ON SUNDAY
21ST DECEMBER AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**



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work of  **The Children's Society**

CHILDREN AND ADULTS JOIN IN THE FUN AND COME IN A FESTIVE HAT - YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO!!!!!!

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EARLIER TIME

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PROJECTS

Work on repair of walls either side of Memorial Gates was completed in time for Remembrance Sunday and the gates were painted in advance.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2014/0993/FUL - Andersons Farm, Philip Drive - Change of use of land to residential garden. Construction of a single storey garage, log store/kennel block and a play house.

2014/0984/FUL - Malt Kiln Barn, Halsall Road - Construction of proposed new garage on gable wall between Malt Kiln Barn and Malt Kiln Cottage.

2014/1059/FUL - 86 New Street - Single storey rear extension and porch to front. New vehicular access and driveway
<http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning.aspx>

P.A.C.T. (Police And Communities Together) Meetings

Meetings are held in Haskayne Village Hall 109 School Lane with public participation.

For information and the latest news visit:

<http://www.lancashire.police.uk/neighbourhood/halsall>

PARKING

Can all residents please ensure when parking not to obstruct pavements or park in bus lay-bys. Pedestrians with prams and wheelchair users need to be able to use the pavement and you should allow enough room when parking to enable them to do so.

REPORT ATTEMPTED CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

A number of thefts have been reported recently and the police have asked the Council to remind residents to report attempted crimes, even if this results in no loss to anyone and please let them know if you spot this vehicle.

If you observe anyone acting suspiciously (including possible bogus callers) or if you are uncertain as to whether you should be reporting something dial 101 to let them know so that the police can take preventative action if necessary.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL Continued

HGV Traffic using the Moss Roads

Please note that following complaints and enquiries from members of the public about increased volumes of heavy goods vehicles using the moss roads the Parish Council in conjunction with your local Borough and County Councillor are investigating the problem and will be trying to ensure that restrictions are placed upon the movement of HGVs to force them to use main roads.

Shirdley Hill/Kew/Ormskirk Bus Service

The Council are liaising with Lancashire County Council to investigate the possible introduction of a pilot scheme look at the feasibility of running an hourly service both ways between Kew, Shirdley Hill, Halsall Church and Ormskirk (please fill in the questionnaire overleaf)

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

Please note: If you wish to make audio or video recording, or take photographs of the meeting please phone Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email davebondhpc@aol.com in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged in an organised manner in order to minimise any disruption.

Contact Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email davebondhpc@aol.com in advance of the meeting to seek permission.

A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

Cllr. Sylvia Corfield has resigned her position as Councillor after many years of loyal service and the Council wishes to acknowledge her contribution to the residents of Halsall over the years and thank her for all her help.

Assuming that an election is not called within the required time limit the Council will be looking to co-opt a new Councillor and any interested parties should contact the Clerk on the above phone number.

The Parish Council Website www.halsallparish.com includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

HOPE FOR A SHIRDLEY HILL BUS SERVICE

Proposed MINI BUS SERVICE TO REPLACE 300 to run between Kew, Shirdley Hill, Halsall Church and Ormskirk.

Questionnaire

Lancashire County Councillor John Fillis has announced that he intends to create new regular small bus services for rural communities with your help maybe we could persuade him to use Shirdley Hill for a trial, your input is essential.

Please complete and return the questionnaire to Halsall Memorial Hall Pharmacy or Gregory Lane Garage ASAP. Unfortunately we are unable to collect them but it is really important to return these as soon as possible to help make a case. Please consider when completing the form that you may need to use the bus in future years either for your family young or old or friends visiting, consider times, days and possible frequency.

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Ad hoc work as and when necessary

Maintain filing system

Financial:

Raise invoices for rent

Take electric and water meter readings and bill users accordingly

Ensure that monies are received re the above.

Ensure that monies are banked weekly and cheques for payments raised and despatched promptly

Maintain Income and Expenditure Account

Reconcile Income and Expenditure Account to bank statement

Produce Annual Report and liaise with Auditor to ensure that the accounts are signed off

Submit Annual Report to the Charity Commission once approved by the Trustees

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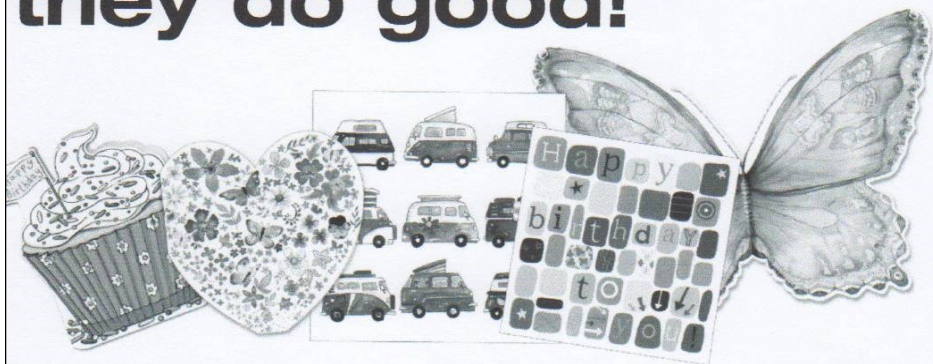
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Halsall Environment Group

Due to lack of space in the last two newsletters we are only now able to let you know the results of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2014.

We are very pleased to announce that Halsall has been placed third out of 11 villages in the Championship Class in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition and will be presented with a Highly Commended Certificate. The first and second places were awarded to Blacko and Wrea Green.

Congratulations to Brian & Celia Webster of Manor House Farm for being judged the Best Kept Farm in Lancashire along with Frank and Andrea Baybutt who were awarded a Highly Commended in the same category.

The Saracens Head has also been awarded a Highly Commended in the Best Kept Pub Category

Thanks to everybody in the village whose efforts have made such a big difference to our surroundings.

There are too many to mention by name but we feel a special mention should go to Brian Lloyd who mows areas of grass all around the village. Thanks Brian!

Please contact either Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 elliwroe@hotmail.com or Enid Banks 01704 567654 enidbanks@aol.com if you would like to find out more about our group



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Singing is good for health and heart and we would love to see you! If you would like to join us then please contact the choir beforehand by visiting their website at :

www.formbychoralsociety.org. Or email berylkev@howardmail.me.uk

The choir practices every Wednesday evening in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Formby, from 7.30 to 9.30pm. .

Tickets for all concerts can also be purchased through the choir's website as well as from Formby Bookshop

The choir started in 1966 as an evening class, giving its first concert in December that year.

Over the years the choir has engaged many soloists, many at the start of their careers; several have gone on to achieve international success, including Jane Eaglen, Michael George, Emma Bell and Andrew Greenan.

In 2011 we were privileged to be able to engage the highly acclaimed Elin Manahan Thomas.

Close links with Birkenhead Choral Society and Merchant Taylors' School since about 1994 have enabled regular performances in Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall, when the combined choir numbers around 300.

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What's Been Happening at Halsall CE



December Report

Many apologies for last month when the wrong report was inadvertently e-mailed to the editor of the Parish Magazine.

The report should have included some of the amended information below.

School Roll

At present we have 153 children on-roll and there are 5 classes.

We have 6 teachers and 10 teaching assistants who provide effective support in both the classroom and through special individual/group intervention work.

There are about 30 children registered with the Learning Tree Nursery and Smiley Faces Playgroup.

Annual Summary Report

We have recently received our LEA Annual Summary Report devised by the external advisor and it makes excellent reading.

The report asserts that the leadership and management of the school are strong and that the school's self-evaluation is honest, thorough and accurate. It states that the school has clear targets for development and that governors know the school well. It judges that the pupils' personal development and well-being are outstanding, that the quality of teaching is consistently good with much outstanding and that the impact of this on achievement, from on-entry to year 6, is at least good.

It summarises that overall, the capacity to sustain current levels of improvement is outstanding. Well done to everyone concerned.

School Concerts 2014

This year We're raising money for the charity : **WAR CHILD**

This is a lesser known charity that supports children in war-torn countries around the world. Hopefully our donation will make a difference to the lives of many suffering children.

There will be performances on : Tuesday 9th December at 10-00am

Wednesday 10th December at 2-00pm

Thursday 11th December at 7-00pm

There will be a Reception Nativity on Friday 12th December at 9-30am

If there is anyone from the church or the Halsall community, who would like to come along to the Tuesday performance, please let us know.

Tickets are £3 each.

New Admissions - September 2015

Parents/carers are now applying for their child to start school in September 2015. If there is anyone who would like a tour of the school, please let us know. Otherwise complete the relevant forms online at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The School Admissions Policy can be found on the school website.

Please note the order of the Admissions Criteria and the importance placed on a faith commitment.

Cathedral Visit 2015

Next March, we have organised a whole-school outing to the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool. We've lots of interesting workshops timetabled through the day and the children should really get a sense of awe and wonder in such a wonderful and spiritual house of worship. And Rev Paul Robinson is coming along too.

Kidz Club

Our new after-school club manageress Mrs Hannah Massam, has now joined at Halsall Primary School. We wish her well in this exciting, new challenge. I'm sure she'll love it.

On behalf of the parents and carers, I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sue Wilson and Mrs Sheila Benbow, who have jointly managed the club over the past couple of years. I'm glad to say that they'll both continue as assistants at the club.

Confirmation 2014

Many of our year 5/6 children were confirmed by the Bishop of Warrington in a special service at St Cuthbert's in October. They'd followed a series of inspirational lessons early in the new term. They all did fantastically well.

Thank you to their tutors and to their parents/carers who supported them.

Flash Mob

A few weeks ago, the dance/drama group, children and eventually staff, performed a special dance for everyone in the playground. They were fantastic. The dance is now on the school website and is worth a look. (front page link)

Africa Week

During our Africa Week, the children played the bongo drums during some inspirational musical workshops. We had an African Storytelling day with lots of drama and the children painted lots of African art pictures.

We also had a Welly Walk around the village to raise money for Farm Africa.

Altogether we collected nearly £1,500. What a fabulous effort!

Staffroom Extension

The extension has now started and we hope that everything will be finished by mid February. Although the extension will be quite substantial in size and will significantly alter the facade of the building, the materials used will be sympathetic to the present brickwork and architecture. It should be a

wonderful new resource.

Harvest Service

The children performed wonderfully well at the recent Harvest Service in October.

Thanks to everyone who came along to support the school and a special thanks to all the volunteers who decorated the church so beautifully and helped with the distribution of the hampers the following week. There was such a lot to do.

PTFA Bonfire Night

This was another fabulously successful occasion. We were blessed with a perfect chilly night with no rain or wind. Thousands of people flocked to sample the unique atmosphere at the event.

A massive, massive thanks to everyone who helped with the organisation.

There is always so much that needs to be done to make such a big event run so smoothly.

As always, there were a few individuals who parked their cars inconsiderately but overall inconvenience was low and by 9-30pm the village was back to normal.

The school's PTFA and the many groups who managed stalls on the night, made significant amounts of profit to help fund future activities. Well done.

PTFA Funds

The PTFA continues to be absolutely brilliant, in raising valuable funds to spend on the pupils at Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary. The committee recently approved spending on the following :

£20 per child for school trips during this academic year.

Whole School outing to the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool.

Renovation of the fruit/vegetable garden and the surrounding nature areas.

Extension of outdoor play facilities and equipment in the early

ICT Software package subscription. (Purple Mash)

External floodlights around school.

Christmas Party and activities.

Christmas Boxes

This year we collected Christmas boxes for the charity Blythswood Care, which distributes to children in many poor families in Eastern Europe. Altogether, we amassed over 90 boxes. This was another magnificent effort by our parents/carers and many, many thanks to anyone who donated. It was most kind and thoughtful.

Children in Need (Fund-Raising)

We raised nearly £150 recently when all the children and staff came to school dressed as either a SUPERHERO or WEARING SPOTS! There were some wonderful outfits on display.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)

Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School



The next meeting of the Sunday School will be on the 14th December to prepare for the Nativity service. This performance will take place on the 21st December during the 9.30am service.

We were all so proud of our three young girls who laid the Sunday School cross of poppies at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. So, we say a big thank you to Rachel, Georgia and Evie for being such excellent role models for the other children. Wishing you all peace and joy at Christmas.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

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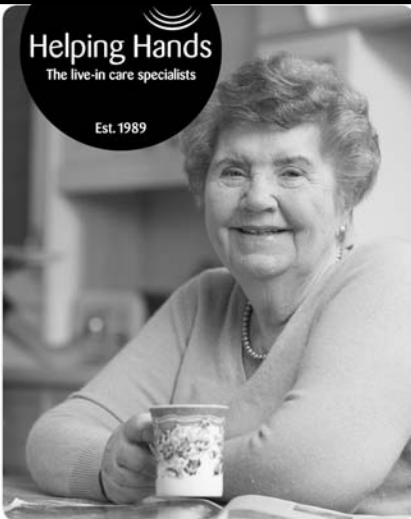
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6th Albert Pilkington (Birthday)
7th Margaret Stopforth
8th Jane Grimshaw
9th Nellie Sutton (Birthday)
13th Kenneth Alan Bailey
14th William Maxwell Boardman
15th Cecil Rhodes
16th Jessie Grimshaw (Anniversary)
17th Lily Gaskell
20th Harold Gaskell
25th Harold Dean
25th Joseph Balmer
28th Barbara Brookfield
29th Doreen Porter (Birthday)
31st James William Bailey (Birthday)

JANUARY

1st Elizabeth Rhodes
3rd R J Critchley
7th Joan Aindow (Birthday)
7th John Marshall (Birthday)
8th Edward Shacklady
9th Gladys May Core (Remembrance)
12th Marjorie Dunbavand (Birthday)
14th The Mercer Family
15th Jack Huyton (Birthday)
20th Henry Serjeant
25th Tom Dennett (Birthday)
26th Jack Huyton (Anniversary)
27th Albert Pilkington
27th George Gaskell
27th Rose Mary Bailey (Anniversary)
28th John Johnson (Birthday)
29th Richard Bolton Ainscough (Anniversary)



Gardener`s Corner



December at-a-glance

The garden is magical in winter. The colour palette is limited, but the strong shapes & skeletal framework provide its own kind of beauty & don't forget the garden can be a great source of home-grown material for a natural feel to Christmas decorations in & outside the home. Happy Christmas & Happy Gardening.

General garden tasks

Continue winter digging if soil is workable.

Plan & begin any landscaping jobs.

Clear away any debris to prevent harbouring slugs & snails.

Rake up the last of the leaves.

Send off for seed catalogues to browse through on darker rainy days.

Carry out lawn repairs if weather conditions allow.

Move or plant deciduous trees or shrubs if the soil is workable.

Prune ornamental vines.

Cut shoots for indoor decorations.

Organise your Christmas tree.

Sow seeds of hardy plants.

Plant seasonal outdoor tubs & hanging baskets for Christmas.

Plant fruit trees & bushes.

Continue to check stored fruit.

Tidy plants in the greenhouse & continue to water sparingly.

Check any bulbs in store.

Check tubs planted with bulbs for mice disturbance.

Make provisions to prevent pond from freezing over.

Clear up the shed, clean tools, wash pots & trays – spring will be here before you know!

Watch out for

Chilled pot plants – pot plants that have been standing in the open outside shops may have come straight from a warm & sheltered greenhouse.

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